

Table. Characteristics of malaria cases diagnosed in Italy (2000-2001)

	2000		2001	
	number	%	number	%
Total confirmed cases	997	100,0	889	100,0
Origin				
Imported	976	99.9	889	100.0
Locally acquired	1*	0.1	---	---
Citizenship				
Italian	263	26.9	276	31.0
Immigrant	714	73.1	613	69.0
Plasmodial specie:				
<i>P. falciparum</i>	812	83.1	703	79.1
<i>P. vivax</i>	87	8.9	80	9.0
<i>P. ovale</i>	60	6.1	88	9.9
<i>P. malariae</i>	14	1.4	15	1.7
Mixed forms	4	0.4	3	0.3
Continent of origin				
Africa	901	92.2	800	90.0
Asia	47	4.8	64	7.2
America	25	2.6	20	2.2
Oceania (Papua N.G.)	4	0.4	5	0.6
Deaths	4	0.4	1	0.1

* Contamination of device in hospital